

STATE OF ALABAMA |

SHELBY COUNTY |

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, J. O. Jones, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides at Route One Siluria, Alabama, in Shelby County, and that for a period of more than forty years, last past, he has been acquainted with the following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

The East half of the northwest quarter of section 22, township 21, range 2 west, containing 80 acres, and situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that he knew Nelson Hardy, a negro, during his life time, and remembers when the above named party owned and occupied the above described lands. Affiant further says that he does not know Ever Duke, nor neither has he ever heard or seen said party. Affiant further says that on June 28th, 1913, he purchased at tax sale the above described property, and that he has not seen nor heard of said Nelson Hardy since said date, neither have they occupied or claimed any right in said lands since said date of purchase by affiant; affiant further says that the said Hardys never had any children insofar as your affiant ever heard or knew about, and insofar as affiant knows no living next of kin. Affiant further says that it is his information that the said Nelson Hardy and his wife are dead and have been dead for more than twenty-five years. Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge that he knows that Ever Duke has not claimed or been in possession of the above described property since the year 1912. Affiant further says that immediately after the date of purchase by affiant of the above described lands for taxes in June 1913, that he went into possession of the above described lands, and after a period of two years that a deed was made to your affiant by the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, conveying to affiant the above described lands, but that said deed has not been recorded and thus for your affiant has not been able to locate the original thereof.

Affiant further says that since June 1913, he has been in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and adverse possession of the above described lands, regularly assessing and paying taxes thereon each year since said purchase, has gone upon said lands from time to time and cut fire wood, and has cut saw timber and logged the same therefrom, first and last, over all the entire tract of 80 acres. Affiant further says that during the entire time that his claim of ownership and his possession has been absolutely open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and adverse, and that he has never heard his title or his right of possession claimed or disputed in any way.

J. O. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 11th day of June, 1940.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate
Shelby County, Alabama.

Filed in this office July 26, 1940 at 1 pm and recorded in Deed Record 108 at page 588 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate

